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SUBJECT: GOJ NAMES NEW AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM

1. FOLLOWING APRIL 1 CABINET MEETING, GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF HIROSHI HITOMI, 59, AS NEW AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, REPLACING YASUHIKO NARA. THERE WAS NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN HITOMI WOULD TRAVEL TO SAIGON.

2. HITOMI MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK (1972-75). TOKYO UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, HE ENTERED MOFA IN 1941. IN PAST HE HAS SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN SYDNEY AND CHIEF OF PROTOCCOL IN MOFA.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL PROBE THIS APPOINTMENT AND TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER. INTIALLY, HOWEVER, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, SINCE AMBASSADOR NARA HAD RETURNED TO TOKYO IN EARLY MARCH AFTER 3 YEARS IN SAIGON, GOJ WAS TRYING TO ALLAY POSSIBLE GVN CONCERNS OVER JAPANESE INTENTIONS BY AVOIDING DELAY AND GIVING IMPRESSION OF BUSINESS AS USUAL.

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